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- Reader Julius Kovach -
Ecclesiarch & Choirmaster

Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

April 30, 2006

Antipascha

Thomas Sunday

Christ is Risen!

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed "The Doubting Thomas." This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, "The Touching of Thomas." The Slavonic inscription is, "The Belief of Thomas." When St Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

This day is also known as "Antipascha." This does not mean "opposed to Pascha," but "in place of Pascha." Beginning with this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord's Resurrection. Sunday is called "Resurrection" in Russian, and "the Lord's Day" in Greek.



Indeed He is Risen!

Prayer Requests

Departed:

Joseph Schreck

Ill-afflicted:

Helen Baldner

Mary Marhefka

Eva Dudich

John Clements

John Conrad

Alex Dobay

Eileen Eschuk

Janet Franks

Gayle & Joyce Franks

Henry & Julia Grabowski

Sergei Kluchnik & Family

Mary Ann Mishko

John & Ann Shuleva

Jan Tkacz

Jeanne Twitchell

Alexander Kuzminec

Billy J Spurlock

James Sheehan

Stephanie Fong

Michelle & Kiplan Frampton &
Unborn Child

Thank You to:

- ☞ Ken Kovach and the St. Theodosius Choir for all their work in preparing and singing the glorious hymns of Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha
- ☞ Dn. Peter Homik for his steadfast faithfulness and stamina during all of the Fast and the Feast!
- ☞ Subdeacon Ted Lentz, our Sacristan, for his diligence and attention to even the smallest detail and for the many hours he spends tending to the beauty of the Temple.
- ☞ All of the Subdeacons, Readers and Altar Servers for their attention to their specific ministry.
- ☞ All of the Greeters, Vestrymen, and others who bring so much to the order and beauty of the Divine Services.
- ☞ All the faithful who participate in the Divine Worship of our Parish Church. By letting the Light of Christ shine through you, others will see your good works and give glory to our Father in heaven.

All of you contributed to the wonderful and glorious parish celebration of Christ's Holy Pascha! May God grant us to do this also in His Heavenly Kingdom!

in The Risen Christ,

Fr. John

Christ is Risen!

Upcoming Events

- 🕒 *May 14, 2006 - Mother's Day Brunch @ Parish Hall*
- 🕒 *August 20, 2006 - Parish Picnic*
- 🕒 *September 9-10, 2006 St. Theodosius Feast Day and 110th Parish Anniversary Banquet on September 10, 2006*

Parish Council News

🕒 The next Parish Council Meeting is Wednesday May 24, 2006. Any parish member is welcome.

PARISH NEWS

Information for the AMBO

should be emailed to

ambo@sttheodosius.org

**2006 Dues are \$250.00 per
Adult member (18 and older)**

Coffee Hour & Greeters Schedules

Coffee Hour Hosts:

4/30 Patti Sankovic & Natalie Pricinovskis
5/7 Maca Tyler & Judy Schwind
5/14 Joyce Tabeling
5/21 Wojnicz Family
5/28 Mary Swit/Tammy Ponomarenko
6/4 Mat. Cindy & Mat. Jeanne
6/11 Patti Sankovic/Natalia Pricinovskis

Greeters:

P. Gindlesberger/L. Smotzer
D. Pinta/D. Pinta
P. Pangrace/Pangrace
Steve & Eileen Bondor
Mike & Joyce Tabeling
P. Gindlesberger/L. Smotzer
Paul Pangrace

St. Thomas Sunday

After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared to His Disciples: He miraculously entered a locked room, and showed them His wounds. Then He ate and drank with them, proving that He was not a ghost or a phantom, but that He was really Jesus the Christ, in the flesh.

St. Thomas was not with the rest of the Disciples in the room. When he returned, the others excitedly told him that Jesus had visited them. Thomas doubted their story - the bodily resurrection of Christ.

So the Lord appeared again, and invited Thomas to put his fingers in His side and touch the wounds made by the nails. Thomas did, and after seeing (and feeling) for himself, he finally believed. He cried out: "My Lord and my God!" and fell at Christ's feet. Christ told Thomas that He was glad that Thomas no longer doubted, but also lamented: "***Because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen, yet believed!***"

Christ uses Thomas' doubt to teach both the Disciples and us that we don't need to physically touch Him to have faith. But upon hearing of Christ, we can be spiritually moved by His presence to follow Him, and trust in His promise that all men will be raised on the day He appoints for judgment, and know either the eternal joy of being reunited with God or the torment of being without Him.

St. Peter heard and understood, as he writes to his flock (**I Peter 1:8**): "You did not see Him, yet you loved Him; and still without seeing Him you are filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls."

It is the custom in some Orthodox parishes to travel to the cemetery on this day to pray, light candles, and to sing "Christ is Risen!" to deceased family members. If your parish does this, make sure to take your children even if you don't have any family members buried there. They need to learn that we Orthodox pray for the dead. If your parish does not so this, you and your family can go on your own, say a prayer for the dead listed in most prayer books, and sing "Christ is Risen!" Be sure to take and light candles at each grave you visit.

Troparion - Tone 7

From the sealed tomb, You did shine forth O Life!
Through closed doors You did come to Your disciples, O Christ God!
Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit,
By the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!

Kontakion - Tone 8

Thomas touched Your life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God,
When You did come to Your apostles through closed doors.
He cried out with all: You are my Lord and my God!

Weekly Schedule

Sunday April 30, Thomas Sunday

9:00 Am Divine Liturgy

12:00 Noon Blessing of Graves

Monday May 1

Tuesday May 2

Wednesday May 3

Thursday May 4

11:00 AM Faith Enrichment

Friday May 5

Saturday May 6

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday May 7, Myrrhbearing Women

9:00 Am Divine Liturgy



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